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## STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

The undersigned received an official communication dated September 14, 2004 in the above-identified application informing applicants that, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution was suspended.

Six months having passed, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when prosecution will resume.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office

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